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LETTER DATED 2 NOVEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for purposes of provocation and surveillance during the period from 19 to 31 October 1992. During that same period, the aircraft dropped flares on some districts in Ninawa governorate.

19 October 1992

(a) Northern region: At 1930 hours on 19 October 1992, two United States aircraft dropped six heat flares on the northern shore of Saddam Dam in Ninawa governorate.

21 October 1992

At 1135 hours on 21 October 1992, two United States aircraft dropped three heat flares between Qasabat Fa'idah and Saddam Dam Lake in Ninawa governorate.

22-23 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah. At 0845 hours on 23 October 1992, a United States aircraft dropped a heat flare on Saddam Dam in Ninawa governorate.

(b) Southern region: 28 sorties flown by F-16, F-15, F-14, F-4 and Mirage aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih Artawi and Busayyah.

23-24 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 24 sorties flown at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 2,500-5,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Rawanduz.

(b) Southern region: 99 sorties flown by F-16, F-15 and F-4 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Artawi, Shatrah, Qurnah and Busayyah.

25-26 October 1992

(a) Northern region: Eight sorties flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-5,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 67 sorties flown by F-16, F-15, F-14 and F-4 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Artawi, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

26-27 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties flown at speeds of 600-850 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho, Dohuk and Rawanduz.

(b) Southern region: 52 sorties flown by F-16, F-15 and Mirage aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Artawi and Busayyah.

27-28 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-5,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah. At 1530 hours on 27 October 1992, four United States aircraft dropped 10 heat flares on the area between Sumayil district and the eastern shore of Saddam Dam Lake in Ninawa governorate.

(b) Southern region: 33 sorties flown by F-16, F-15 and TR-1 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-8,000 m, centred on Amarah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah and Busayyah. From 1215 to 1440 hours on 27 October 1992, a TR-1 aircraft carried out reconnaissance at an altitude of 20,000 m.

28-29 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties flown at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 4,500-20,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Rawanduz and Ayn Zalah. From 1255 to 1440 hours on 28 October 1992, a TR-1 aircraft carried out reconnaissance over the northern region at an altitude of 18,000 m.

(b) Southern region: 170 sorties flown by F-16, F-15, F-14, F-4 and Mirage aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-7,500 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Salman, Artawi, Amarah and Chalabiyah.

29-30 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties flown at 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-6,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 73 sorties flown by F-16, F-15, F-14, F-4 and Mirage aircraft at 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Busayyah, Chalabiyah, Artawi and Salman.

30-31 October 1992

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 35 sorties flown by F-16, F-15 and F-4 aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-7,500 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Khidr, Artawi and Busayyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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